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WITH MRI IMAGING, AND METHOD  
OF MANUFACTURING SUCH A  
STRUCTURE

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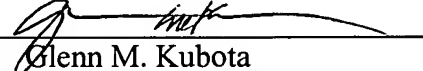
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